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Community Gardens Flourish in District 62

Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter is creating sustainable communities in District 62 by advancing green technologies and promoting healthy life choices.

She grew up on a farm in Mississippi where fresh food was grown collectively. She has since become a cultivator of resources and grant opportunities for a burgeoning community garden movement.

Childhood obesity particularly concerns Assembly Member Carter. Ways to combat this epidemic include growing and preparing healthy foods.

There is an emerging "food



Assembly Member Carter helps plant a vegetable garden in San Bernardino sponsored by the NAACP San Bernardino Branch.

justice" movement within the community, she says. "Too often, families who are already challenged by difficult economic situations lack access to fresh, healthy and locally grown produce."

Please contact Assembly Member Carter with information about your community garden at (909) 820-5008.

CSUSB to Debut Water-Wise Landscape Project

On June 4, a demonstration drought-resistant garden opens at Cal State San Bernardino.

The San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation Garden will showcase ways we can conserve water with an attractive but water-wise landscape that will thrive in the San Bernardino Valley.

Visitors can bring home ideas

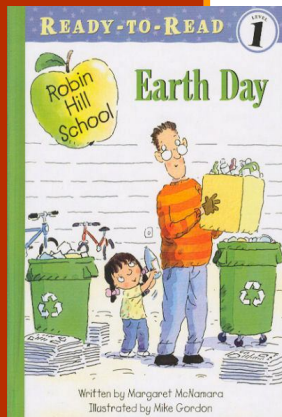
for their own landscaping. "Having native plants in your garden helps reduce the extra watering needed and saves you money on your water bills," Assembly Member Carter said.

The one-acre demonstration garden grew out of a partnership between the CSUSB's Water Resources Institute, the university and donors. Contact (909) 537-7684 for more information.



Assembly Member Carter and Project Coordinator Susan Lien Longville tour the Conservation Garden under construction at Cal State San Bernardino.

Corps Reintroduces Native Plants Along Highways



Earth Month Books

Kindergarten: The Giving Tree

1st Grade: Robin Hill School: Earth Day

2nd Grade: Fancy Nancy: Every Day Is Earth Day

3rd Grade: The Great Kapok Tree

4rd Grade: The Lorax

5th Grade: Clarice Bean, What Planet Are You From?

At right, a scene from the preserved town site at Allensworth State Historic Park, which AB 1077 seeks to protect.



The California Conservation Corps employs and trains young adults to work on local resource conservation projects.

The state agency is now planting 15,000 native trees and bushes along the I-15 corridor from I-91 to the 210 Freeway. The three-year project involves removing invasive and non native plant species.

Conservation Corps

workers also assist the City of San Bernardino Parks and Recreation Department with projects. The young adults gain work experience and develop leadership skills, said Scot Schmier, Inland Empire Director.

Corpsmember Mathew Scott, 23, said the job is tiring, but has its advantages. "I was doing plumbing and the business got slow. I wanted to pursue forestry and I love being outside."



A Corps member removes invasive, non-native plants along Interstate 15.

To apply to become a member of the California Conservation Corps, call (909) 708-8488.

New Rialto Plant to Clean Up Perchlorate Naturally

The first biological drinking water treatment facility for perchlorate removal will open in Rialto in late 2012. A groundbreaking is set for Friday May 20, 2011 at the West Valley Water District in San Bernardino.

The \$20 million plant, funded by state and federal dollars, will use microbes to reduce the perchlorate-contaminated water to

nondetectable levels.

Bioremediation allows natural processes to clean up harmful chemicals in the groundwater more safely and economically than treatments now in use.

The West Valley Water District has teamed up with the City of Rialto to secure \$10 million in state grants, as well as funding from the

State Water Resources Control Board and a federally-sponsored program.

State Senator Gloria Negrete-McLeod and Assembly Member Carter have helped keep the project on track by making sure, through support letters, that money would flow from the state.

Carter Supports Environmental Legislation

Assembly Member Carter's bill, AB 1077, would provide a two-and-a-half-mile buffer to protect Allensworth State Historic Park from odor and pollution. The park is an important site for Black history in California.

Assembly Member Carter is also a co-author of AB 275 (Solorio), also known as the Rainwater Capture Act of 2011.

The measure would reduce California's demand on limited drinking water and minimize the amount of polluted storm water. The bill would authorize land

owners to install different types of rainwater-capture devices, including rain barrels that could provide water for outdoor gardens.

For information about these and other bills, contact Assembly Member Carter at her Capitol Office at (916) 319-2062.